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Mayor Fulop & Councilman Rivera Announce Boxing Program for Jersey City Youth

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Steven M. Fulop** and **Councilman Daniel Rivera** announced today in conjunction with the **Department of Recreation** that the City has launched a **boxing program** for Jersey City youth ages eight to 18 with the program starting on **Tuesday, Aug. 20th, 2013**. This is in addition to a youth scuba diving program starting in September and a Cricket program in late fall.

“Residents have been asking for a boxing program for our youth for several years and we are pleased to get this program off the ground,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “Programs like this provide a positive and fun outlet for our youth, while keeping them healthy, active and engaged.”

In addition to Mayor Fulop, Councilman Daniel Rivera – a longtime baseball coach and youth mentor – has also been a strong advocate for the boxing program and for the expansion of the City’s recreational activities.

The **free boxing program**, the first of the new programs to start, which is for both boys and girls, will be held from **4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday**, at **MS # 7, 222 Laidlaw Avenue**.

Any parent interested in registering their child can visit MS#7 during program hours. In order to register, a child must be accompanied by his or her parent. All equipment will be provided at the site and participants should wear comfortable clothing such as shorts, t-shirts and sneakers.

Councilman Rivera added, “We know that the benefits of a strong Recreation Department extend well beyond the boxing ring or the basketball court, and we want to provide as many Jersey City children as possible the opportunity to participate in our recreational programs.”

For more information on the boxing program, **please call 201-547-5003**.

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